

Animal Fact Sheet

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Hartebeest

Alcelaphus buselaphus

The hartebeest is a large African antelope recognized by its elongated forehead, oddly shaped horns, and sloping back. Adapted for life on open plains and savannas, the hartebeest is a swift runner c...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Bovidae

Habitat: Savanna and grassland

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12–15 years

Weight: 100–200 kg

Scientific name: *Alcelaphus buselaphus*

Did you know?

- The hartebeest's scientific name, *Alcelaphus buselaphus*, once referred to multiple subspecies found across Africa, but some are now extinct or critic...
- Hartebeests have some of the most unusual horns among antelopes, with both sexes sporting S-shaped structures. Despite their awkward appearance, they...

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